

## USED EQUIPMENT RESOURCES

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<b>Southeastern Wisconsin Organizations</b>	
<b>Home Medical Companies</b>	Sometimes Home Medical companies have used equipment that is 'lightly used,' and they will sell it at a reduced cost.
<b>Disability Organizations</b>	Sometimes these organizations are able to provide assistance. For example, if a person has cancer they may be able to receive help from the Cancer Society. Other examples of organizations that are formed to assist a specific disability are the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Post Polio Resource Group, and Diabetes Association.
<b>Kenosha Area Loan Closet</b> 262-605-6646 800-472-8008	Those in need of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bath benches, or other medical supplies, can now borrow them from the Kenosha Area Loan Closet for Durable Medical Equipment. The County Aging and Disability Resource Center, Easter Seals-Southeast Wisconsin and Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services Inc. consolidated separate programs. There are no eligibility requirements or time limits for use of the equipment. Items are loaned on a first come, first served basis. Donations are tax deductible. For information on donating or borrowing equipment call the Resource Center.
<b>Kelsey's Loaner Closet – Kenosha - Ben Lake</b> 262-657-7188	This effort specializes in equipment for children. Call if you are interested in donating equipment or in need of information about Family Support services. Type of equipment includes specialized strollers, positioning chairs, therapeutic positioning aides such as tumble forms, toileting and bathing devices, specialized car seats, helmets, utensils, tricycles, safety gates, and sensory motor items (books, swings, ball pool/therapy balls).
<b>Love Inc</b> 480 S. Pine St. Burlington, WI 262-767-1478	A local organization providing services for the local community and surrounding area. They accept donations and provide them to individuals in need.


<p><b>Society's Assets, Inc.</b>  Independent Living Department  5200 Washington Ave. #225  Racine, WI 53406  262-637-9128  800-378-9128  Offices in Kenosha and Elkhorn are listed at the end of this Info Series.</p>	<p>Society's Assets sometimes has donated items to give away. Items can also be found through -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A classified section in the quarterly newsletter that will list the item, a description, a name, and contact information.</li> <li>• Items are posted on a bulletin board and emailed to staff for more immediate circulation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wheelchair Recycling Program</b>  4521 Helgesen Road  Madison, WI 53718  608-243-1785  Email: <a href="mailto:wrp@chorus.net">wrp@chorus.net</a>  <a href="http://www.wrp.org">www.wrp.org</a></p>	<p>Wheelchair Recycling sells mobility equipment at a reduced cost. Equipment has been cleaned and refurbished by State Department of Corrections workers. See an Independent Living Coordinator at Society's Assets for information on what is available.</p>
<p><b>Eyeglasses &amp; Low Vision Equipment</b></p>	
<p><b>OcuSource.com, LLC</b>  PO Box 4519  Walnut Creek, CA 94596  888-299-6657  Email: <a href="mailto:support@ocusource.com">support@ocusource.com</a>  <a href="http://www.ocusource.com/ocutrade">www.ocusource.com/ocutrade</a></p>	<p>Used devices become available as users upgrade to newer technology, the unfortunate passing away of the user, or progression of the vision disorder. Visitors can compare new and used products to find the best product that meets their specification. OcuTrade is focused on blindness and low vision products, making it convenient to find exactly the product desired.</p>
<p><b>Recycle for Sight – Eyeglasses</b>  800-747-4448</p>	<p>Some Lions Clubs sponsor free eye exams and glasses to local residents on a predetermined day in December. Some clubs also assist in obtaining a limited number of glasses for people in need.</p>
<p><b>Hearing Aides</b></p>	
<p><b>HEAR NOW &amp; Salvage Hearing Aid Donations</b>  6700 Washington Avenue South  Eden Prairie, MN 55344  800-648-4327  <a href="http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org/forms/heardnow.php">http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org/forms/heardnow.php</a></p>	<p>HEAR NOW works to provide hearing aids to individuals and families with limited financial resources. To find out what the criteria are or obtain an application, contact the office or visit the web site.</p>
<p><b>Telephones</b></p>	
<p><b>Society's Assets, Inc.</b>  Independent Living Department  5200 Washington Ave. #225  Racine, WI 53406  262-637-9128  800-378-9128  Offices in Racine, Kenosha, Elkhorn</p>	<p>Society's Assets may have donated phones to assist individuals that are unable to afford adaptive phones. The agency is also able to help assist in the purchase of adaptive phones through special grants.</p>
<p><b>National Programs</b></p>	
<p><b>Internet Sites</b></p>	
<p><b>Atmatch.com</b>  <a href="http://www.atmatch.com">www.atmatch.com</a></p>	<p>Atmatch.com is a service developed specifically for individuals with disabilities and their families and friends. It works like Ebay for assistive technology. It is a marketplace for a wide range of assistive technology and durable medical products.</p>

	The site provides users with links to regional and national resources in a variety of related fields. Registration is free.
<b>Disabled Dealer Magazine</b> <a href="http://www.disableddealer.com">www.disableddealer.com</a>	This national resource for buying and selling adaptive equipment online and in print has a customer base of over 300,000 per month.
<b>Freecycle Network</b> <a href="http://www.freecycle.org/">http://www.freecycle.org/</a>	<p>The worldwide (!) Freecycle Network is made up of many individual groups across the globe. It's a grassroots movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Each local group is run by a local volunteer moderator (them's good people). Membership is free. To sign up, find your city by clicking on the region on the right. It will generate an automatic e-mail which, when sent, will sign you up for your local group and send you a response with instructions on how it works. Or, go directly to the webpage for your city's group by clicking on your city's link on the left. Can't find your city? It takes about ten minutes to start your own. (Click on "Start your own" for instructions.) Have fun and keep on Freecycling!</p> <p>One rule: everything posted must be free. Whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano, or an old door to be given away, it can be posted on the network. Or, maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself? Respond to the posting directly and you just might get it. After that it is up to the giver to set up a pickup time for passing on the treasure.</p>
<b>usedHME.com</b> P.O. Box 952 Green Bay, WI 54305-0952 920-445-0124 Email: <a href="mailto:info@usedHME.com">info@usedHME.com</a> <a href="http://www.usedhme.com">www.usedhme.com</a>	A web site where you can buy, sell or give away, Used Home Medical Equipment. "... dedicated to finding someone in your own neighborhood for your good quality used home medical equipment." Site is easy to use.

**Other Info Sheets you might be interested in –**

- How to Buy Adaptive Equipment
- WisLoan and Telework Loan
- Funding and How To Get It
- Using the Library for Research

*The listings on this Info Sheet should in no way be construed to constitute an endorsement of a company, organization or its service, nor should exclusion be construed to constitute disapproval. The information that appears in this publication was obtained from the company/organizations listed above.*

 <p><b>SOCIETY'S ASSETS</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.sai-inc.org">www.sai-inc.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@sai-inc.org">info@sai-inc.org</a></p>	<p><b>Racine Office</b> 5200 Washington Ave. #225 Racine, WI 53406 (262) 637-9128 V/TTY (800) 378-9128 V/TTY</p>	<p><b>Kenosha Office</b> 5727 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Kenosha, WI 53140 (262) 657-3999 V/TTY (800) 317-3999 V/TTY</p>	<p><b>Elkhorn Office</b> 615 E. Geneva Street Elkhorn, WI 53121 (262) 723-8181 V/TTY (800) 261-8181 V/TTY</p>
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